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FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE  
HELD BY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD COOPER AND  
EC COMMISSIONERS WILHELM HAFERKAMP AND GUIDO BRUNNER AT  
THE COMMISSION OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL HIGH LEVEL US-EC  
CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS, APRIL 21.

(BEGIN TEXT);

HAFERKAMP: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE YESTERDAY AND  
TODAY HELD THE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH HAVE BEEN  
CUSTOMARY FOR MANY YEARS. THE US DELEGATION IS HEADED  
BY MR. COOPER. WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS AND AN EXCHANGE  
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OF VIEWS WHICH HAVE BEEN ALTOGETHER CANDID AND  
CONSTRUCTIVE. IN SO DOING, WE HAVE DELAT WITH A  
SERIES OF THEMES, VIZ. GENERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE  
ECONOMIC SITUATION INCLUDING BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS ISSUES,  
IN VIEW PARTICULARLY OF THE IMF MEETINGS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED  
THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION,  
TRADE POLICY QUESTIONS OF COMMON CONCERN, AND ENERGY

POLICY ISSUES.

AS FAR AS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS ARE CONCERNED, WE IN THE EC AND THE US HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THE FIELDS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, AND THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. WE FEEL THAT THE SITUATION IS SO THAT GROWTH IN THE US HAS SOMEWHAT GREATER CHANCES THIS YEAR THAN WE ANTICIPATED LAST YEAR. WE HAVE NOTED THIS WITH SATISFACTION. WE AGREE IN BELIEVING THAT WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS PHASE OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC REVIVAL TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT COULD LEAD TO PROTECTIONISM; AND WE DO WANT TO PREVENT THE DANGER OF PROTECTIONIST MEASURES. WE HAVE ALSO COME TO AGREE THAT APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL MEASURES SUCH AS THE TRADE PLEDGE SHOULD BE CONTINUED. WE THUS WANT JOINTLY TO PREVENT AND OPPOSE THIS DANGER. WE HAVE TALKED IN GREAT DETAIL ABOUT ISSUES CONCERNING THE CIEC, AND WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE ESSENTIAL POINTS. WHERE QUESTIONS ARE STILL OPEN, IT IS A MATTER OF SUBORDINATE PROBLEMS; WE DO AGREE ON THE PRINCIPLES.

IN THE MATTER OF TRADE POLICY, CONTRARY TO EARLIER OCCASIONS, WE HAVE NOT HAD TO DEAL WITH LONG CATALOGUES OF DIFFICULTIES. WHERE PROBLEMS EXIST, WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES AND THE MANNER OF JUDGING THEM. I WOULD ONLY LIKE TO POINT OUT SUCH PROBLEMS AS EXIST IN THE STEEL SECTOR. BUT WE DID NOT DISCUSS STEEL IN DETAIL BECAUSE THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SPECIAL CONVERSATION ON STEEL ISSUES WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN EC PARTICIPANTS AND APPROPRIATE US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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I WOULD ONLY LIKE TO REMARK HERE THAT WE HAVE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE PROGRAM FOR RESTRUCTURING THE STEEL INDUSTRY WHICH YOU KNOW THE COMMISSION HAS ELABORATED.

WE DISCUSSED ENERGY QUESTIONS EARLY THIS MORNING, ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BEFORE BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS; AND WE HAVE ON OUR SIDE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WE REGARD THIS PROGRAM AS AN EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT AND COURAGEOUS ONE, AND THAT WE EXPECT IT TO PRODUCE POSITIVE IMPULSES FOR EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY AS WELL.

FOR THE REST, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH AND IN GREATER DETAIL AND WITH THE HELP OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION OF SERIES OF SPECIAL QUESTIONS WE HAVE HAD YESTERDAY AND TODAY. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THE CONSTRUCTIVE WAY IN WHICH YESTERDAY'S AND TODAY'S MEETINGS WERE HELD WILL RESULT IN VERY IMPORTANT IMPULSES FOR OUR FUTURE COOPERATION.

COOPER: I THINK THIS REFLECTS THE SPIRIT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS DURING THE LAST DAY AND A HALF AND I AGREE ENTIRELY WITH VICE-PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP'S SUMMARY OF THEM AND REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO ADD EXCEPT TO SAY THAT I THINK THIS KIND OF DIALOGUE IS EXCEEDINGLY USEFUL, CERTAINLY FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW AND I TRUST ALSO FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, SO THAT AT PERIODIC INTERVALS WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS A WHOLE RANGE OF SOMETIMES COMMON PROBLEMS AND SOMETIMES SIMPLY COMMON INTERESTS IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC ARENA, AND I THINK THAT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL.

QUESTION ON REDUCTION OF THE US-EC TRADE IMBALANCE, AND THE SUPPLY OF AMERICAN URANIUM.

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WE HAVE, HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE VERY POSITIVE DECISION OF OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS IN THE MATTER OF FOOTWEAR IMPORTS. THAT IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE SPIRIT IN WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED AND IN WHICH WE WILL DEAL WITH SUCH PROBLEMS. WE CAN ONLY START FROM SUCH AN ATTITUDE AND CREATE POSSIBILITIES AND A FRAMEWORK SUCH THAT THE EXISTING DEFICIT SITUATION WILL CHANGE IN THE LONG RUN, AND THAT NATURALLY ALSO DEPENDS ON GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD.

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COOOPER: I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ON THE QUESTION OF THE TRADE DEFICIT BECAUSE IN AN INDIRECT WAY WE DID DISCUSS IT BY CONSIDERING THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. AND I THINK THE POINT CANNOT BE MADE TOO OFTEN THESE DAYS THAT THESE DAYS ARE DIFFERENT FROM PRE-1973, THAT AS LONG AS WE HAVE AS HEAVY DEPENDENCE AS WE DO ON OIL FROM THE OPEC COUNTRIES, THE COLLECTIVE EXTENT FOR THE WORLD AS A WHOLE OF DEFICIT OF ABOUT \$40 - \$45 BILLION A YEAR, WE CANNOT APPROACH THE QUESTION OF TRADE DEFICITS IN THE SAME WAY AS WE USED TO, AND THE UNITED STATES AT THE PRESENT TIME HAS A VERY SUBSTANTIAL TRADE DEFICIT. EUROPE TAKEN AS A WHOLE HAS A SUBSTANTIAL TRADE DEFICIT. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THESE DEFICITS ARE A NECESSARY CONSEQUENCE OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON OPEC OIL... IT'S IMPLICIT IN STRUCTURE OF THE SITUATION THAT ALL OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE DEFICITS AS LONG AS WE DEPEND AS MUCH AS WE DO ON OPEC OIL.

BRUNNER: WE WELCOME THE FACT THAT BOTH MESSAGES OF PRESIDENT CARTER STATE THAT THE NUCLEAR ENERGY PROBLEM, UNCLASSIFIED

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IN VIEW OF THE EUROPEAN SITUATION OF DEPENDENCE, MUST BE JUDGED DIFFERENTLY IN EUROPE THAN IN THE UNITED STATES. WE WELCOME IN PARTICULAR THE FACT THAT THE MESSAGES STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SHARE ITS URANIUM RESOURCES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH USE NUCLEAR ENERGY. ESPECIALLY POSITIVE IS THE FACT THAT THE LATEST MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER EXPLICITLY STATES THAT US URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITIES WILL BE INCREASED SO THAT THESE FUELS CAN BE DELIVERED. AS FAR AS ENRICHED URANIUM IS CONCERNED, WE HAVE HAD THE PROBLEM OVER THE PAST YEARS THAT AMERICAN ENRICHMENT CAPACITY WAS INSUFFICIENT. ACCORDINGLY A GAP WOULD BE FILLED. WE HAVE A PROBLEM AS FAR AS THE SUPPLY OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM IS CONCERNED. WE HAVE REASONS TO EXPECT THAT THE INTERRUPTION OF DELIVERIES WILL NOT LAST MUCH LONGER. I HAVE THE PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT IT IS A MATTER OF WEEKS RATHER THAN MONTHS. FROM A EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW, WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COULD BE SO ALLEVIATED IN THESE CONCRETE CASES THAT COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS BETWEEN EUROPEAN FIRMS AND AMERICAN SUPPLIERS

WOULD BE HONORED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COOPER: I THINK MR. BRUNNER HAS COVERED THE GROUND WELL. AS YOU KNOW THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN TREMENDOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS OVER THE YEARS HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL, AND THE ADMINISTRATION TURNED ITS ATTENTION ESPECIALLY TO THAT ISSUE AND WHILE IT WAS UNDER REVIEW SLOWED DOWN THE PROCESS OF DELIVERIES OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM, AND I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THAT REVIEW HAS NOW BEEN UNDERTAKEN AND THAT THE PROCESS OF CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM IS NOW GOING TO BE RESUMED WITH SOME TIGHT SAFEGUARDS BUT NONETHELESS, AS MR. BRUNNER SAID,  
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THE INTERRUPTION I THINK WILL BE BROKEN AND WE'LL BEGIN TO SEE IT FLOW AGAIN.

QUESTION: I HAVE A QUESTION MAINLY TO MR. COOPER. DID YOU DISCUSS HOW TO GET THE TOKYO ROUND NEGOTIATIONS OFF THE GROUND WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN STALLED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS OR ARE YOU LEAVING THIS FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TOMORROW?

COOPER: WE DID HAVE, AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE GENEVA TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE REMOVED, BUT AS YOU POINT OUT IN YOUR QUESTION, AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WILL BE HERE TOMORROW AND THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL RESUME, CONTINUE THERE WITH THE MAN DIRECTLY IN CHARGE ON THE AMERICAN SIDE.

QUESTION: CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC REGARDING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT (ON TRADE ISSUES) YOU REFERRED TO?

HAFERKAMP: PRINCIPLES, WE BELIEVE. I HAVE JUST SAID THAT DETAIL AND MARGINAL QUESTIONS MUST CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED, E.G., IN THE MATTER OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. WE AGREE THAT THERE ARE ONLY LIMITED POSSIBILITIES, AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF THESE THINGS SHOULD BE A STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND NOT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE COMMON FUND SHOULD HAVE THE CHARACTER OF A CLEARING HOUSE, AND THAT CERTAIN CREDIT POSSIBILITIES COULD PERHAPS BE CONSIDERED. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE POOREST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD RAPIDLY BE PROVIDED. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT FOUND A DEFINITIVE RECIPE, BUT WE HAVE RECONGIZED, RECOGNIZED

ON BOTH SIDES THE NECESSITY OF REVIVING THE QUESTION --  
SOMEWHAT NEGLECTED IN RECENT YEARS -- OF ENERGY  
DISCUSSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THESE CONSULTATIONS.  
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AND, FINALLY, THIS DIALOGUE BEGAN IN A CONTEXT THAT  
CONCERNED NOT ONLY QUESTIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
BUT ALSO ENERGY QUESTIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE  
QUESTIONS SHOULD AGAIN BE TAKEN UP. IN THIS  
CONNECTION, I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT IT HAS NOT  
BEEN POSSIBLE TO AGREE IN DETAIL ON THE APPROPRIATE  
TECHNIQUES.

QUESTION: COULD YOU ELABORATE ON WHAT YOU DISCUSSED  
REGARDING THE BASIS OF THE NEW IMPORT LEVY ON THE  
IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS FROM EUROPE OR ON THE  
CUSTOMS COURT DECISION ON THE SPECIAL LEVY ON TV SETS  
FROM JAPAN?

COOPER: JUST FOR THE BACKGROUND FOR THE REST OF YOU,  
WHAT THE CUSTOMS COURT RECENTLY FOUND WAS THAT THE  
REBATE OF CERTAIN INDIRECT TAXES IN JAPAN WERE COUNTER-  
AVAILABLE UNDER US LAW. THIS WAS A CASE THAT THE  
US GOVERNMENT ARGUED AGAINST AND LOST IN THE CUSTOMS  
COURT. THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO APPEAL THE CASE  
AND IN SOME EXPECTATION - HAS APPEALED AGAINST IT - WITH  
SOME EXPECTATION OF GETTING IT TURNED AROUND, IF NOT  
IN THE IMMEDIATE COURT OF APPEAL, THEN IN THE SUPREME  
COURT. IN THE MEANTIME, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS  
ENOUGH OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS CASE AND OTHER  
POSSIBLE CASES THAT WE CAN ARGUE AGAINST A SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT BASED ON THIS PARTICULAR CASE UNTIL THE  
APPEAL PROCESS IS COMPLETED SO THAT IT'S OUR HOPE  
THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY EFFECT DURING THE APPEAL  
PROCESS ON TRADE IN PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE DIRECTLY  
COVERED BY THE CASE.

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QUESTION: A QUESTION FOR MR. HAFERKAMP. WHAT  
POSITIVE REPERCUSSIONS DO YOU EXPECT FOR THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY FROM AN ENERGY PROGRAM SUCH AS PRESIDENT  
CARTER HAS JUST ANNOUNCED.  
AND A QUESTION FOR MR. COOPER. DOES THE U.S. ACCEPT THE IDEA  
OF A STABEX-TYPE ARRANGMENT IN THE NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS?

HAFERKAMP: AS FOR THE FIRST QUESTION, WE HAVE BEEN  
DISCUSSING A COMMON ENERGY POLICY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY FOR TEN YEARS. WE ARE VERY AGREED THAT  
SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE, AND THEN THERE HAS BEEN VERY  
LITTLE AS FAR AS CONCRETE CONSEQUENCES ARE CONCERNED.  
THE RECOGNITION THAT GOOD INTENTIONS MUST BE TRANSLATED  
INTO ACTIONS HAS RECENTLY GAINED SOME GROUND, AND WE  
CAN NOTE THAT MR. BRUNNER HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE  
SOME PROGRESS IN THE LATEST COUNCIL MEETINGS.  
I EXPECT HIS COMPREHENSIVE AND COURAGEOUS PROGRAM TO  
HAVE THE EFFECT OF AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE IN EUROPE WHO  
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STILL HESITATE TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE. I HOPE FOR  
THE INSPIRATION, THEN, OF A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THOSE HERE  
WHO HAVE BEEN ADVANCING TOO SLOWLY. I VERY MUCH HOPE  
SO.

COOPER: THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE U.S. ACCEPTS THE  
PRINCIPAL OF THE STABEX FUND PRESUMABLY IN THE CONTEXT  
OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DISCUSSIONS, I CAN'T ANSWER THE  
QUESTION DIRECTLY BECAUSE THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER  
OF ARRANGEMENTS THAT GO UNDER THE NAME OF STABEX. SOME OF  
WHICH SEEM TO ME FINE AND SOME OF WHICH SEEM TO ME  
NOT SO FINE. LET ME JUST SAY THAT OUR POSITION IS  
THAT WHERE WE CAN ACHIEVE IT, AS THE VICE-PRESIDENT

HAS ALREADY SAID, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD STRIVE TOWARD PRICE STABILIZATION. IT'S NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF EITHER THE PRODUCERS OR THE CONSUMERS TO HAVE THE KIND OF PRICE GIRATIONS THAT WE HAVE IN THE PERIOD OF 1972-1975, AND ON THE OTHER HAND WE BELIEVE THAT STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF ANY OVERALL APPROACH TO WORLD TRADING COMMODITIES, AND THEN I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU WHETHER YOU WANT TO CALL THOSE TWO EXPRESSIONS OF VIEW STABEX OR NOT.

QUESTION: I MEAN WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS PROPOSING AS A STABEX FUND IS QUITE CLEAR AND IS FOR EARNINGS STABILIZATION FUND AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE TO PROPOSE THIS TO THE DIALOG PARTNERS?

COOPER: AS FAR AS I'M AWARE THE COMMUNITY HAS NOT MADE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL IN THE AREA OF STABEX. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WORKING PAPERS FLOATING AROUND AND THEY CONTAIN A VARIETY OF PROPOSALS. IF YOU KNOW A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL I'M SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY

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WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT IT.

QUESTION: (ASKED ABOUT SUGAR AND TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS)

COOOER: ON THE QUESTION OF SUGAR, IT IS REALLY THE FIRST CONCRETE CASE WHERE IT SEEMS TO ME AT LEAST FROM THE SIDE OF THE U.S. IT CAN DEMONSTRATE ITS NEW APPROACH IF I CAN CALL IT THAT TO COMMODITY PROBLEMS, COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND THE SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE JUST BEGUN THIS WEEK IN GENEVA, AND WE HAVE PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL WHICH IS ALONG THE LINES I SUGGESTED TO STABILIZING THE PRICE OF SUGAR WITHIN A RANGE BOTH TO PREVENT EXTREME HIGH PRICES OF THE TYPE THAT WE EXPERIENCED IN 1973/74 AND TO (PREVENT) THE EXTEME DROP IN SUGAR PRICES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN LATE 1976 AND IN 1977, SO THAT WE HAVE A PROPOSAL WHICH IS OF THE GENERAL TYPE INVOLVED; BUFFER STOCKS....DESIGNED TO STABILIZE PRICE. AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH AS A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES AS REGARDS SUGAR, COULD AGREE TO NEGOTIATE ON THAT GENERAL TYPE OF AGREEMENT.

IN THE AREA OF TEXTILES, WE DID NOT, IN FACT, TOUCH ON THOSE DURING THE CURRENT MEETINGS BUT I THINK THERE IS THE GENERAL FEELING, CERTAINLY, IN THE U.S. THAT WE WANT TO HAVE APPLY TO TEXTILES AS TO OTHER



COMMODITIES A RELATIVELY OPEN TRADING SYSTEM, BUT THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THAT CAN ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME, AND WE NEED SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH REPRESENTS THE RIGHT KIND OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN OPENNESS AND RESTRAINT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE MULTI-FIBRE AGREEMENT, BROADLY SPEAKING, AS IT EXISTS, CONTAINS THAT KIND OF COMPROMISE.

QUESTION: MR. COOPER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS THAT BY HOLDING UP SUPPLIES OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM THE U.S. IS IN BREACH OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. AND A QUESTION TO MR. BRUNNER; MR. HAFERKAMP SAID THAT THE U.S. PROGRAM WOULD ENCOURAGE EUROPE, POSSIBLY ENCOURAGE EUROPE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE AMERICAN PROGRAM, WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC THAT MIGHT BE DERIVED FROM EUROPE FOR IT?

COOPER: I AM NOT A LAWYER BY TRAINING SO I CAN'T GIVE A LEGAL OPINION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT WITHHOLDING SUPPLIES REPRESENTS A BREACH OF THE TREATY. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER SUCH A TREATY CALLS FOR CONTINUOUS MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TEMPORARY, INTERRUPTION HAS NOT IN FACT HARMED ANY ACTIVITY THAT RELIES ON HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM. IT HAS CREATED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ANXIETY BUT IT HASN'T LED TO ANY SLOWDOWN. BUT MR. BRUNNER IS CLOSER TO THIS THAN I AM.

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BRUNNER: I WOULDN'T TRY TO SEE THIS UNDER LEGAL ASPECTS. I THINK WHAT MATTERS NOW IS THAT WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COMMON THINKING PROCESS, WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COMMON EVALUATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE RESEARCH ON HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTORS CONTINUES. FOR THAT PURPOSE WE NEED HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM. I THINK THE U.S. ARE NOW WILLING TO RESUME THE DELIVERIES AND NOW FOR ME IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF THE TIMING. WE NEED IT AS QUICKOY AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT'S IT. I THINK AT THE BEGINNING OF SUCH A COMMON EVALUATION YOU'LL HAVE TO HAVE MUTUAL TRUST, AND THE RESUMPTION OF DELIVERIES AS A TOKEN OF THIS REQUIRES MUTUAL TRUST.

NOW AS FOR YOUR QUESTION REGARDING THE DECISIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY. I DON'T WANT TO COVER TOO WIDE GROUND. BUT, IF I READ THIS WELL IT MEANS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS TELLING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THE WHOLE WORLD THAT WE HAVE FORGOTTEN TOO QUICKOY ABOUT THE OIL TROUBLE OF 1973. HE IS TELLING THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT WE WILL BE IN A BAD FIX IN THE MID-80S IF WE DO NOT DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. HE IS ASKING FOR VERY STRINGENT MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVING ENERGY, SAVING ENERGY. WE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CAN BE INSPIRED BY THIS. WE HAVE HAD A SLIGHTLY BETTER PERFORMANCE THAN PEOPLE REALIZE IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE BEEN SAVING IN THE LAST YEAR UP TO 2 PERCENT OF ENERGY. THIS IS PARTLY INDUCED BY OUR RECESSION SO WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. WE WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW SUIT WITH A SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR ENERGY SAVING WHICH I INTEND TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN JUNE. THE PATTERSN OF BOTH PROGRAMS WILL FOLLOW PARALLEL LINES. SECOND, THE AMERICAN MEASURES AFFECT THE AMERICAN IMPORTS OF OIL AND SO FAR THEY ARE OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE. IF THE IMPORTS OF OIL BY THE UNITED STATES WERE TO CONTINUE

TO THE TUNE OF 10 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY AS NOW WE  
WOULDBE IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION IN THE MID-80S.  
THESE IMPORTS MEAN NOW THE DOUBLE OF THE DAILY  
PRODUCTION OF SAUDI ARABIA. WE CANNOT EXPECT THE  
OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES ON THE LONG-RUN TO COVER  
INCREASES - TREMENDOUSLY INCREASED DEMANDS FOR OIL.  
THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW CONSERVATION POLICY LINES AS WELL.  
SO THESE AMERICAN DECISIONS MEAN THAT IF WE GO IT  
TOGETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO PASS A SIGNAL TO THE OIL  
PRODUCING COUNTRIES, A SIGNAL THAT MEANS THAT WE INTEND  
TO DO OUR BEST, THAT WE SEE EYE TO EYE WITH THEM AS  
REGARDS THE NECESSITY TO SAVE AS MUCH OIL AS POSSIBLE  
AND IN ADDITION WE WILL TELL THEM PLEASE CONSIDER THAT  
WE ARE UNDERTAKING THESE EFFORTS WHEN IT COMES TO  
FIXING PRICES. SO THIS REDUCED DEMAND WOULD WEIGH  
HEAVILY UPON THE OVERALL DEMAND FOR OIL IN THE WORLD,  
IF ONE CONSIDERS THAT A DIMINISHING OF THE DEMAND FOR  
OIL BY ONLY 5 PERCENT, EXCUSE ME, THAT A DIMINISHING  
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OF ENERGY USE BY ONLY 5 PERCENT MEANS A DIMINISHING  
OF THE OIL-DEMAND BY TEN PERCENT, YOU REALIZE THE EXTENT  
TO WHICH WE ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A SUCCESSFUL  
AMERICAN DRIVE IN THIS AREA. AND THE THIRD ELEMENT  
WHICH STRIKES ONE'S MIND IN THIS CONNECTION HAS BEEN  
MENTIONED BY HERR HAERKAMP: HE SAID THIS WILL ADD TO  
THE NECESSITY OF COMING TO A COMMON ENERGY POLICY. WE  
HAVE IN EUROPE ON THE SHORT TERM DIFFERING INTERESTS  
IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY, BUT FROM A MIDDLE TERM POINT  
OF VIEW THESE INTERESTS TEND TO CONVERGE LARGELY.  
THE UNITED STATES FOCUS ON THIS MIDDLE TERM ANALYSIS.  
BY THAT THEY MAKE PEOPLE IN EUROPE REALIZE THAT THEIR  
DIFFERENCES OF INTEREST WHICH ARE SHORT-TERM DIFFERENCES  
OF INTEREST AFTER ALL ARE NOT SO IMPORTANT AS SEEING  
THIS AS AN ADDED REASONING IN FAVOR OF COMING  
QUICKLY TO AS MUCH COMMON ENERGY POLICY AS POSSIBLE IN  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

QUESTION: A QUESTION TO MR. COOPER - WERE YOU ABLE  
TO GIVE ANY ASSURANCES IN THE MATTER OF THE DECISION  
IN THE STEEL CASE AND IF IT WOULD BE APPEALED  
TO THE SUPREME COURT IF NECESSARY?

MR. COOPER: THE STEEL CASE HAS BEEN IN ABeyANCE - NO,  
I GAVE NO SUCH ASSURANCE - BUT LARGELY FOR THE REASON  
THAT THE STEEL CASE HAS BEEN IN ABeyANCE PENDING THE  
FINDING ON THE ZENITH CASE, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE  
SAME THING. AND NOW THE STEEL - THE PLAINTIFFS IN THAT  
CASE HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO REQUEST  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE ZENITH CASE, AND

IF THEY DO SO, THE GOVERNMENT - AND I DID GIVE SUCH  
ASSURANCES ON THAT - THE GOVERNMENT WILL ARGUE  
STRONGLY AND THINKS IT CAN WIN THE ARGUMENT AGAINST  
SUCH SUMMARY JUDGMENT; AND THAT THEN, IF THAT IS THE  
CASE, THE STEEL INDUSTRY WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER IT  
WANTS TO TAKE ITS CASE OFF THE SHELF SO TO SPEAK AND  
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PUT IT BACK INTO THE NORMAL JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, IN  
WHICH CASE IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME.

QUESTION ON NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS.

COOPER: NO, I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE DETAILS OF  
THE INCREASE OF SECURITY REAISED AT THE PRESENT TIME. AS  
YOU PERHAPS KNOW THERE WILL BE RESUMPTION OF  
DISCUSSION AMONG THE SUPPLIER COUNTRIES NEXT WEEK  
IN LONDON, AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE QUESTION OF  
CONTROL OVER SENSITIVE MATERIAL IS SOMETHING THAT  
INVOLVES A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND NOT JUST A SINGLE  
COUNTRY AND WILL BE DISCUSSED THERE.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF A MINIMUM  
PRICE FOR OIL?

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HAFERKAMP: NO, IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

QUESTION: MR. BRUNNER MENTIONED THE DISTINCTION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE BETWEEN THE NUCLEAR NEEDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE, BUT PREISIDENT CARTER PUT A GOOD DEAL OF EMPHASIS ON HIS DESIRE TO STOP THE FAST BREEDER AND TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ENRICHMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES. I WONDER IF MR. COOPER COULD ELABORATE ON HOW THESE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN SITUATIONS ARE GOING TO WORK OUT.

COOPER: I THINK IT IS PREMATURE TO SAY HOW THE DIFFERENCES ARE GOING TO WORK OUT. AS I SAID JUST BEFORE, THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION AMONG THE POLICY MAKERS AND EXPERTS MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS AREA ALREADY STARTING NEXT WEEK. LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER TRIED TO EMPHASIZE IN HIS MESSAGE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY WAS ON THE ONE HAND THE RECOGNITION THAT GOING AHEAD WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY WAS IMPORTANT, INDEED ESSENTIAL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF REDUCING OUR DEPENDENCE ON PETROLEUM, AN EXHAUSTIBLE RESOURCE; ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE OTHER HADND HE HAS A STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST ON BEHALF OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IN PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF BOMB-GRADE NUCLEAR MATERIAL AROUND THE WORLD, AND THAT HAS LED TO A STRONGLY NEGATIVE VIEW OF ANY PROCESS THAT GENERATES PLUTONIUM AND THAT AFFECTS IN PARTICULAR REPROCESSING OF SOME REACTOR WASTE, AND ITS AFFECTS THE FAST-BREEDER REACTOR WHICH CONVERTS URANIUM INTO PLUTONIUM; AND SO THE QUESTION IS HOW TO WORK OUT A POLICY WHICH ON THE ONE HAND ACCEPTS, RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND ON THE OTHER HAND KEEPS DOWN THE PRODUCTION OF PLUTONIUM WHICH IS BOMB-GRADE MATERIAL IN THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE; AND THERE ARE WAYS TO DO THAT, BOTH IN OUR CURRENT REACTOR PROGRAMS AND IN OUR RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT. THERE ARE BREEDER REACTORS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH DO NOT -- THERE ARE BREEDING PROCESSES WHICH DO NOT -- GENERATE PLUTONIUM, AND AS HE SAID IN HIS MESSAGE AND HIS OTHER ACTIONS HAVE ALREADY REVEALED, IN THE UNITED STATES WE HAVE CUT WAY BACK ON OUR FAST BREEDER REACTORPROGRAM. WE HAVE STOPPED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR REPROCESSING FACILITIES, AND WE WILL HAVE A HEAVY SHIFT IN RESEARCH EXPENDITURES TOWARD NON-PLUTONIUM PRODUCING NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

QUESTION: ON THE RECYCLING OF PETRO-DOLLARS AND

THE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING UNDER THE IMF -- WAS THERE ANY AGREEMENT WHETHER THE OECD SAFETY NET OUGHT TO BE REVIVED OR ALLOWED TO DIE, AND WHAT WAS THE FEELING ABOUT ENLARGEMENT OF THE IMF, OF THE SO-CALLED WITTEVEEN FACILITY? WAS THIS FELT TO BE SOMETHING COMPLEMENTARY TO THE SAFETY NET OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO IT?

HAFERKAMP: THE WITTEVEEN PROPOSALS IN THE IMF WERE NOT DISCUSSED UNDER THE ASPECT OF AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SAFETY NET, BUT IN VIEW OF GENERAL BALANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE HAVE TAKEN NOTICE OF AND WE AGREE WITH THE ANALYSIS WHICH THE IMF HAS MADE OF THE SITUATION, I.E. ON THE NECESSITY THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. ON THE PART OF THE EC, IT WAS STATED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL FACILITIES. OF COURSE, THE QUESTION OF AMOUNTS IS A MATTER WHICH MUST STILL BE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD IN THE MEETING OF APRIL 28 AND 29. ON THESE QUESTIONS, WE AGREE, AND I BELIEVE THAT A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT EXISTS WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE IN WASHINGTON TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE WITTEVEEN PROPOSALS -- AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE.

QUESTION: I HAVE A QUESTION FOR MR. COOPER. ON THE RESUMPTION OF SUPPLY OF HIGHLY-ENRICHED URANIUM, ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL THINK THESE CAN BE RESUMED (BEFORE THE SAFEGUARDS ISSUES) ARE RESOLVED; AND IF NOT, COULD I ASK DR. BRUNNER WHY HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT DELIVERIES OF SUPPLIES WILL BE RESUMED IN WEEKS RATHER THAN MONTHS?

MR. BRUNNER: YOU ASK ABOUT MY STATE OF MIND. MY STATE OF MIND IS RELATED TO THE FIRST PART OF YOUR QUESTION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THIS FIELD FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS NOW. WE HAVE NEVER HAD ONE SINGLE CASE WHICH POSED A SAFEGUARD PROBLEM. OUR SAFEGUARDS ARE (GOOD). EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT. OUR AMERICAN PARTNERS KNOW THAT. SO BESIDES EVERYTHING ELSE, I'M OPTIMISTIC FOR THAT VERY OBJECTIVE REASON.

COOPER: THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD IS THAT THERE IS AN ISSUE HERE -- THERE ARE MORE PARTIES TO THIS TRANSACTION THAN JUST EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, AND WHEN ONE TALKS ABOUT THE NEED FOR PLUTONIUM CONTROLS, THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERS NOT ESPECIALLY TO EUROPE. I MEAN HE IS TALKING  
ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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